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Mr. Tom Tetting  
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Dear Mr. Tetting:

We have been in contact with John Blake of the Utah Division of State Lands regarding the maturity of a \$64,500 bond on a site held by Western Tar Sands at Raven Ridge, Uintah County, T7S, R25E, Sect. 16. Maturity date is September 30, 1983.

The only work actually performed on site was to grade a road (about one mile in length), level 3/4 of an acre and surround it with a fence, put in a concrete slab as foundation for an office trailer (the latter has since been removed), and to dig a small pit to expose some of the tar sands. Over a year ago Western Tar Sands suspended all activity on this site.

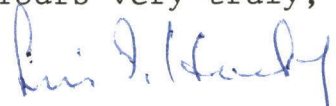
At this time, we are unsure when work will recommence at Raven Ridge. We do know, however, that our pilot plant will not be located on the Raven Ridge site as initially planned, but at a site owned by a large chemical company. Therefore, only mining activities might be carried out at the Raven Ridge site in the future. In light of this, WTS would like to submit to your Division a request to reduce our bonding requirements that will reflect our current situation more closely.

Based on our recent conversation with Mr. Blake, we ask that you present to your Board a revision of the existing bond, which matures at the end of September. As stated above, the current bond is for \$64,500; Mr. Blake has roughly estimated a new bond of \$20,000 would be all that is needed to cover existing disturbances. We accordingly ask the concurrence by your Board of this lower amount at the September 24 meeting.

Western Tar Sands pledges to notify you and all proper authorities before resuming any operations at the site. At that time we will commit to a new bond to cover all additional work planned.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

  
Louis I. Hart, Jr.  
President

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cc: John Blake

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